

**RHODE ISLAND BOARD OF NURSE REGISTRATION AND NURSING
EDUCATION**

MINUTES OF MEETING

OPEN SESSION

January 9, 2012

The Open Session of the Rhode Island Board of Nurse Registration and Nursing Education was called to order at 8:30 am on the above date in room 401 of the Department of Health, Three Capitol Hill, Providence, Rhode Island, pursuant to the applicable provisions of the Open Meetings Law, so called, and other applicable sections of the General Laws of the State of Rhode Island as amended.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Linda Twardowski, RN, MS

Kristen Young, RN

Michelle Cahill, LPN, Secretary

Sandra Mergerdichian, RN, MS

Peggy Matteson, RN, PhD, President

Joslin Leasca, RN, MS, RNP

Cristiana Rosa, MS, RN Manuela Raposo

Carol Cairns RN, MS

Linda Damon, RN, MS, Vice President

Anne Tierney, RN, CRNA

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Jeannine Borozny, RN

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Charles Alexandre, PhD, RN

Linda TetuMouradjian, RN, MS

Jennifer Sternick, Esq.

1. ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUORUM

President Matteson, called the meeting to order at 8:34am. A quorum was established.

2. PRESENTATION OF MINUTES OF OPEN SESSION OF December 12, 2011

On motion of Ms.Megerdichian, seconded by Ms. Leasca, it was unanimously voted to accept the minutes as presented.

3. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Matteson had no report.

4. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

National Council of State Boards of Nursing (NCSBN) has asked for current email contact information from Board members to facilitate movement to an updated members only webpage.

The licensing aide for the Board will be on leave from work for 6 weeks beginning in late January. This may impact the turnaround

time for application processing.

The board was provided copies of the list of new licensees for the month of December 2011.

5. BUSINESS

Discussion and Vote on proposed revisions to the “Rules and Regulations for the Licensing of Nurses and Standards for the Approval of Basic Nursing Education Programs”

The Board members were provided copies of all written comments and the transcript of the December 2, 2011 public hearing on the regulations for review prior to the meeting.

Dr. Matteson solicited comments from the Board and members of the audience prior to calling for a vote on the regulations. The discussion concerned the definition and use of preceptors by the nursing education programs in the clinical setting. Debate centered on the education level of the preceptor, accountability with respect to supervision of the student when assigned to a preceptor, and whether the regulations should be more prescriptive with respect to the qualifications of the preceptor.

After discussion, debate and deliberation on motion of Ms. Leasca, seconded by Ms. Cairns the Board voted as follows:

Affirmative: Leasca, Cairns, Twardowski, Young, Raposo, Damon, Cahill, Tierney, Matteson, Rosa; Oppostion: Megerdichian; Absent:

Borozny

The motion passed.

Dr. Matteson informed that group that the Board's education subcommittee will review the annual reports for the education programs to determine what information will be collected with respect to use of preceptors.

APRN Consensus Model –Presentation of proposed legislation with discussion and vote to support proposed legislation

Ms. Leasca, speaking for the RISNA APRN Consensus Model Task Force, presented a draft of the proposed legislative language for the consensus model. Ms. Leasca presented a crosswalk comparing current statutory language, model language provided by the National Council of State Boards of Nursing, and proposed statutory language adopting the model in RI. Issues discussed included requirements for licensure as an advanced practice nurse, graduate education programs, degree requirements, continuing education, titling, and grandparenting of current nurse practitioners, clinical nurse specialists and certified registered nurse anesthetists.

After discussion, debate and deliberation a vote to support the proposed legislative language was deferred to a future meeting once additional revisions are presented.

6. ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

7. ADJOURNMENT TO EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion of Ms. Leasca, seconded by Ms. Tierney, it was unanimously voted to move into Executive Session pursuant to 42-46-4 and 42-46-5(1) of the Rhode Island General Laws for the discussion of job performance, character, physical or mental health of applicants for licensure and licensees and for discussion of investigatory proceedings relating to misconduct by applicants licensure and licensees, and investigatory proceedings regarding allegations of civil or criminal misconduct. The Open Session adjourned at 10:30 am.

8. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Dr. Matteson called the Open Session back to order at 3:00 pm.

9. VOTE TO SEAL MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO SECTIONS OF 42-46-5 OF THE RHODE ISLAND GENERAL LAWS

On motion of Ms. Megerdichian, seconded by Ms. Twardowski, it was unanimously voted to keep confidential all matters discussed in the Executive Session and to seal those minutes in as much as fitness for licensure and ongoing disciplinary matters were addressed.

10. PRESENTATION OF FINAL ACTIONS

The Board, on unanimous vote, found no unprofessional conduct for

the following:

RN11-116, RN11-110, RN11-109, RN11-114.

The Board voted for a finding of no unprofessional conduct for RN11-115 as follows:

Affirmative: Young, Tierney, Megerdichian, Leasca, Rosa, Cairns, Damon, Raposo

Opposed: Cahill

The Board, on unanimous vote, ratified the following Consent Orders:

RN00-097 Sally Cannon Voluntary Surrender

RN11-091 Joseph Harpool Reprimand

11. ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Ms. Young, seconded by Ms. Rosa it was unanimously voted to adjourn at 3:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted:

Michelle Cahill, LPN, Secretary